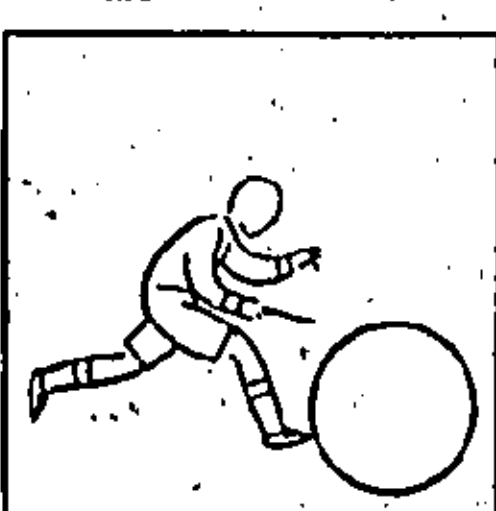


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MEDICAL EVIDENCE IN MURDER CASE

"NO WRITTEN MATERIAL"

DOCTOR CONVINCED IN SPITE OF ADMISSIONS.

WHAT WOMEN IN THE HOUSE SAW

The cross-examination of Dr. Uttley, medical witness for the Crown, in the case in which Wong Cheung is charged with the murder of Kau Shuk, in Yaumati on April 1, was continued at the Assizes this morning.

As a result of a lengthy series of questions, Dr. Uttley finally admitted that the bruising of the tissues might have occurred after death, in which case it would follow that the ligature round the neck could have been applied after death also.

However, re-examined upon this point by Mr. Fitzroy, for the Crown, Dr. Uttley expressed himself as still quite convinced that death was due to strangulation. His opinion was based upon a consideration of all the facts in the case.

A PROVISIONAL OPINION

On another point, Mr. Jenkin, for the defence, elicited from witness that he was prepared to withdraw the opinion expressed previously that the application of the ligature was the work of more than one man. It was conceivable that the victim had been surprised. Later, answering the Chief Justice, (Sir Joseph H. Kemp) on this point, Dr. Uttley agreed that if it were proved that the man was not surprised, he would have expected to find signs of a struggle on the body. Therefore he would only withdraw his opinion if it could be shown that the man was surprised to have been taken by surprise.

Lengthy Quiz. At the outset, Mr. Jenkin apologised to His Lordship, the Court, and to Dr. Uttley for taking up so much time with his cross-examination. But the medical evidence in this case, he contended, was of the greatest importance.

His Lordship: Yes, it is of extraordinary importance in the present case.

Mr. Jenkin then proceeded with his questions.

With regard to the ligature on the neck. From the appearance of the mark as you found it could you put forward an opinion as to the relative position of deceased and his assailant?—No.

Did it appear that the greatest pressure was on the left or right frontal portion of the neck?—It was uniform throughout.

The person applying the ligature might have been in any position relative to the victim?—Yes.

Mr. Jenkin then produced a piece of flex that had been shown in the Police Court. Witness said it could not have caused the mark on the neck. It was twisted, and the marks were not. Neither could two single pieces of lead-sheathed flex have made the marks.

Technical Questions. Yesterday you gave as your reasons for declaring the mark as being made before death that the muscles and skin were bruised, and secondly that the blood had been pressed out from the locality?—Yes.

And the circulation is affected?—Yes, and the tissues damaged.

Did you suggest that to find these conditions there must be circulation of the blood? That is, that the blood must have been circulating at the time of the infliction of violence?—Either that, or that the tissues were not yet dead.

When does the tissue die?—With the cessation of circulation?—No.

Would the tissue remain alive after the circulation ceases?—For a short time.

It may be alive after we say that the man is dead?—Yes.

When a man dies, what happens?—The circulation slows down, and then stops.

Dr. Uttley added that as a rule the respiration stopped first, although in some cases of dissection this was not so. In this case the respiration would stop before the heart's action did.

Did this man die on the stopping of the heart?—Yes.

You do not suggest that the circulation stops with the stopping of the heart?—Yes, I do.

A Possibility. Mr. Jenkin then suggested that the reasons given by witness as to the ligature having been applied before death were wrong, because both of these conditions could occur after death?—Witness contended that his opinions were correct. However, he was prepared to admit that after the stoppage of circulation the tissues remained alive for a short period. But he could not agree that pressing blood from the tissues necessarily involved bruising.

Why, if the tissues are still alive?—That is hardly the point. It is all in relative degree. However, it is possible that if pressure were applied immediately after death the muscles in the immediate neighbourhood might be bruised a little.

Then you can get this appearance whether the ligature is applied before or after death?—Yes.

And if the tissue is still alive you can get the blood condition?—Only if the tissue is still alive.

Then you agree with me that the reasons you gave as to the ligature being applied before death mean nothing at all?—Witness, after some consideration, replied in the affirmative.

Strangled or Not? Counsel then proceeded to read from Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence regarding conditions in suspected cases of strangulation.

If the ligature was applied after death it is not a case of strangulation?—No.

Supposing it is strangulation, was the application violent and sudden, in this case?—No. It was gradual.

Why do you think so?—If it were sudden I should not have expected such considerable congestion of the lungs.

But surely the more rapid the application the greater the congestion?—Oh, no.

BRITISH EXPLORER HONOURED.

Founder's Medal for Mr. Bertram Thomas.

WORK IN ARABIA.

Rugby, Yesterday. It was announced at the annual meeting of the Royal Geographical Society to-day that the King had approved an award of the Founder's Medal to Mr.



Com. R. E. Byrd.

Bertram Thomas for his geographical work in Arabia and his successful crossing for the first time of the Rubal Khali Desert in North Arabia, and the Patron's Medal to Rear-Admiral Richard Byrd, United States Navy, for his Antarctic Expedition and flight over both the North and South Poles.—British Wireless Service.

OVERTIME RATES FOR ENGINEERS.

Conference Accepts New Proposals.

WORKING CONDITIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Conference of executives of Engineering Unions in London to-day by an overwhelming majority accepted the employers' modified proposals for changes in the working conditions and overtime rates.

The new terms come into operation from July 6 and peace is thus preserved in the industry.—British Wireless Service.

Undaunted by Misfortune. St. John's, New Brunswick, Yesterday. Undaunted by her misfortune Miss Ruth Nicholls declares that as soon as she can get the money to repair her plane and get out of hospital she will be en route on her trans-Atlantic flight.—Reuter's American Service.

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Still Holds to Opinion. Mr. Fitzroy, re-examining, asked witness if at the time he wrote his notes he considered death was due to strangulation. Witness said he did.

Have you any doubt about it now?—Witness (with conviction) No doubt at all. Death was due to strangulation.

Mr. Fitzroy proceeded to read a passage from Taylor that he claimed as being put to the full witness' attention upon the effects of sudden or slow strangulation.

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CAMBRIDGE DEGREE FOR MR. MELLON.

U.S. Treasurer Made Doctor of Law.

SON GETS HIS B.A.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Andrew Mellon, who visited Cambridge to see his son to-day receive his degree of Bachelor of Arts, was himself the recipient of a distinction. The intention of the University to confer upon him an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law was not generally known and he received loud applause when, wearing the scarlet robe, he was presented to the Vice-Chancellor by the Public Orator, who, in the course of a laudatory speech in Latin, coupled Mr. Mellon's visit to Britain with President Hoover's recent pronouncement.

When questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the recent talks with Mr. Mellon the Premier stated that the conversations were in no sense official and, therefore, he had nothing to report.—British Wireless Service.

PLUCKY AIRWOMAN UNDAUNTED.

To Continue Her Flight When She Recovers.

SPINE CRACKED.

New York, Yesterday. An X-ray examination of Miss Ruth Nicholls showed that her spine is slightly injured and two vertebrae cracked. It is painful but should mend quickly. The injury was due to the oil tank breaking away in landing and striking the airwoman in the back.

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INTERNATIONAL SUGAR PLAN.

Council Discusses the Chadbourne Scheme.

ALONG SOUND LINES.

London, Yesterday. The International Sugar Council held its first meeting in London to-day, Senator Beaudin, a Belgian, presiding. The Council confirmed the permanent organization of its headquarters at The Hague.

There was a considerable discussion regarding the methods to be adopted in the further extension of the development of the Chadbourne Plan. It was the unanimous opinion what had already been done was along sound lines and to the lasting benefit of the sugar industry.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Paris on September 14.—Reuter.

TORY VICTORY IN LIVERPOOL.

Labour Candidate Loses by 8,645 Votes.

NO POLITICAL CHANGE.

London, Yesterday. The by-election in the Waverley Division of Liverpool, due to the retirement of the Conservative, U. A. Time, resulted as follows:—Nalacain (Conservative) 18,087; Trevelyan (Labour) 10,042. Majority 8,645.—Reuter.

GERMANY ACCEPTS U.S. PROPOSALS.

France Influenced by Young Plan.

ANSWER DELAYED.

Washington, Yesterday. The German Government through the German Embassy has formally accepted President Hoover's proposal for a moratorium.—Reuter's American Service.



Mr. J. H. Thomas.

Counter Proposal. Paris, Yesterday.

The French reply to President Hoover is now being drafted, but before despatching it the French Government is discussing all questions involved with the Italian and Belgian Governments. Well-informed circles believed that the reply will take the form of a counter-proposal aiming at obtaining the certainty that the Young Plan will not be affected.—Reuter.

French Reply. Paris, Yesterday. Although the French reply to Hoover's proposal will not be put in final form until to-day's Cabinet meeting, the Premier, M. Laval, last night indicated to the United States Ambassador the substance of France's answer.

It is believed in diplomatic circles that the reply insists that Germany shall continue to pay unconditional annuities under the Young Plan. France, however, is prepared to hand over these annuities to the Bank of International Settlements, which may make loans therewith to the Central European countries which have been most severely hit by the present crisis, and to make up the deficit in the French Budget caused by handing over the annuities.

The Government will doubtless be obliged to postpone its plan of national reconstruction.—Reuter.

Not the Only Key. Rugby, Yesterday.

The British Government's cordial acceptance in broad principle of President Hoover's proposals, as announced by the Premier in the House of Commons yesterday, was to-day handed to the United States Government by the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Ronald Lindsay.

Speaking at the American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London to-day, the Dominion Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, said that the magnificent action of President Hoover showed that he and his people were not only alive to the economic factor but also to psychological factor. He could do no other at that American gathering than pay a tribute to the wonderful gesture which was the first really practical step towards world recovery. "But don't let us fool ourselves," Mr. Thomas continued, "by assuming that this is the only key. Do not let us misconstrue the situation by assuming that all is now well. There are still many difficulties to get over. There must be other moves and those moves, I believe, are inevitable."

Gain to Australia. In the House of Representatives at Canberra to-day Mr. James Scullin, the Australian Premier, said that he cordially welcomed President Hoover's proposals and was eagerly awaiting details.

Allowing for the relief Britain had already afforded to Australia and also the foregoing of Australia's share of Reparations, he

EUROPEAN GIRL IN ACCIDENT.

State of Miss Ghecka Still Critical.

FRACTURED SKULL.

Whilst riding on the pillion of a motor cycle driven by Mr. J. Canning, at about 7.30 p.m. yesterday, a European lady, Miss Vera Ghecka, met with an unfortunate accident.

It appears that Mr. Canning was proceeding along Nathan Road in the direction of the Star Ferry, and when near the Majestic Theatre, he was forced to swerve sharply to avoid running down a pedestrian who rushed across the road in the path of the cycle. This sudden swerve caused Miss Ghecka to lose her balance, and she was thrown heavily to the ground sustaining severe injuries.

Fractured Skull. She was immediately removed to the Kowloon Hospital, where it was found that she had a fractured skull.

On enquiry at the hospital this morning the China Mail was courteously informed that the lady's condition is critical, and that she has not yet recovered consciousness.

EXPLOSION ON OIL TANKER.

Cook and Electrician Badly Injured.

SERIOUS CONDITION.

A terrible accident occurred yesterday in the Royal Naval Dockyard, when a Swedish blow lamp, at which two Chinese were working, suddenly exploded on the oil tanker Pearl Leaf, which was lying at the west wall of the dockyard.

The men, who were both injured, are Li On (35) an electrician, and Sam Chee (46) described as a cook. Both suffered extensive injuries to the body.

The electrician is reported to be in a serious condition in the Government Civil Hospital, where the cook is also a patient.

estimated that Australia's net gain would be \$3,093,000.—British Wireless Service.

Exchange of Views. Berlin, To-day.

A plea for a candid exchange of views with France on Franco-German problems was made by Chancellor Bruening in a wireless broadcast last night.

After stating that the German Government was prepared to co-operate to the utmost in the attainment of President Hoover's aim, Herr Bruening declared that the problems confronting France and Germany were so great and urgent for both countries that a candid exchange of views could hardly fail to find some ground satisfactory to a solution.—Reuter.

YOUNG PLAN.

A New Conference of Experts Suggested.

London, June 2. The British Press devotes much attention to the Chequers conference between German and British Cabinet Ministers. The Daily Herald believes that, in reply to the German complaints of the unbearable burdens of the Young Plan, the British Ministers will say that revision of that plan is not a matter concerning only Britain and Germany, and that if she wants revision, Germany must address herself to all the parties concerned, including the United States. The Labour Party organ thinks this course is likely to be adopted, and would result in convening a new conference of experts or in entrusting the Bank of International Settlements with the expert investigation of Germany's paying capacity.

The Financial News, in a remarkable leader, declares that the matter cannot be allowed to rest any longer, but must be tackled. It points out that the Young Plan contains no provision for revision, merely for a three years moratorium, which would afford no real relief, and it also hints at a new conference of experts after consultation with all the Governments.

FORM AND DESIGN IN MUSIC.

Proper Incidence of Climax.

DR. MISTOWSKI'S TALK.

Professor Mistowski, the visiting examiner of Trinity College, London, gave a highly interesting talk to music-lovers in the City Hall last night.

He explained at the outset that he would deal with the subject of "Form and design," in music. He had found that it was a subject that made for a good deal of confusion in the minds of students, to many of whom it was still a great mystery. "Unfortunately," it appears rather late in the curriculum," said the speaker, "usually after a little harmony and a little counterpoint. But there is no reason at all why it should not be studied right from the beginning."

Dr. Mistowski went on to explain that many students subconsciously knew the rudiments of form, but did not realise until it could be explained to them in a simple manner. It was his intention to begin with the fundamentals of form, gradually working up to "form on a large scale." His method would be to combine illustration with explanation.

"Many people listen to music with divided attention," he continued. "They may be engaged conversing or reading, or even possibly eating. But nobody can do these things at the same time, and no doubt the eating or reading, as a result, gets more attention than the music."

"True music ought to claim one's undivided attention, and a knowledge of its construction, besides helping one to listen with attention, helps towards an appreciation of the inner meaning of music."

Dr. Mistowski then drew attention to a chart of "rhythmic diagrams," showing design in music. "Form," he said, "really is concerned with the idea of coherence and the idea of contrast—or in other words, variety in unity, or unity in variety, whichever way one cares to put it. Variety in unity is very necessary, as otherwise the mind would soon tire of the theme."

In the first example, that of a simple chant, it would be noticed that the form was in two balanced halves. There was a point of rest at the middle, and also one at the end.

The lecturer then illustrated the form, "clothed," as he put it, "in notes." The principles of form, he continued, would be found to be the same, from the very simple in music to the "grand school."

The second example was a rather different form, that of Chopin's Mazurka in A. It was largely repetition, yet Chopin had built up a beautiful composition upon it. A high point was reached in both the chant and the Mazurka. It came toward the end, or at least, toward the middle; and made a climax of expression. It might be introduced in several ways—a high or a loud note or chord, and could be compared to the progress of a story, working up to a definite point. It was really a question of musical design, although expression was a matter inseparably connected with design. All composers should be careful to bring in the climax at precisely the right point. Otherwise it forms an anti-climax, with uninspiring results."

Dr. Mistowski took as his third example of form the National Anthem, after which he instanced the Preludes of Bach as bearing out the principle of balanced halves, or what was known as Binary Form.

Chopin's Prelude in C minor prompted Dr. Mistowski to remark that the point as to climax was exemplified in this case in the form of a beautiful chord which kept the composition "low." It occurred in about the same place as in the other examples. "Chopin's Prelude," in fact, are perfect in the matter of form, and construction," he said, "and a whole series of lectures could be given from them."

After illustrating his submissions further by playing Chopin's Tenth Prelude, the lecturer went on to discuss the coda. "The origin of the coda," he said, "is, of course, the Amen."

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Tytam Byewash	21' 9" B	24' 4" B
Tytam Intermediate	43' 9" B	8' 8" B
Tytam Tuk	63' 2" B	33' 8" B
Wong Nei Chung	27' 5" B	17' 5" B
Pokfulum	21' 11" B	8' 11" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tytam	214.50	200.74
Tytam Byewash	1.99	.98
Tytam Intermediate	32.98	150.34
Tytam Tuk	320.16	727.68
Wong Nei Chung	5.39	11.84
Pokfulum	20.85	46.68

Total 595.84 | 1,138.16 |

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption	288.165	341.62
Estimated population	442,880	410,050
Consumption per head per day	20.4	26.5

* Includes 95.07 million gallons from Mainland.

May, 1930.—From May 1 to 31, a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Hill Districts (Principal Mainland closed 6 p.m.—6 a.m.) with the exception of the area North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street where a constant supply was maintained during the whole month.

May, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.

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Kowloon Reservoir 10' 0" B | 11' 9" B |

Shik Lai Pui Reservoir 8' 11" B | L |

Reception Reservoir 10' 1" B | 1' 7" B |

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	202.98	241.10
Shik Lai Pui Reservoir	82.69	116.10
Reception Reservoir	9.45	23.97

Total 295.12 | 381.17 |

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption	124.68	159.49
Estimated population	176,860	226,160
Consumption per head per day	24.7	18.0

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**JUDGE REBUKES A
COLONEL.**

Lord Harewood Gives
Evidence.

TURF LIBEL SUIT.

Further dramatic evidence was given at the resumed hearing in the King's Bench Division, before Mr. Justice Horridge and a special jury, of the action in which Lord Harewood, Sir William Bass, Bt., the Earl of Carnarvon, Major-General C. L. Gregory, Major R. G. Alexander, and Major F. B. Stapleton Bretherton, stewards of the Pony Turf Club, and the Sports Printing Press are sued by Mr. Ernest Edward Sawrey Cookson, racehorse trainer, of Leybourne Stud Farm, West Malling, Kent, for damages for alleged libel.

Mr. Cookson complained that a warning-off notice published by the Pony Turf Club in their racing calendar in April 1929 reflected on his honesty and honour.

The defence was a denial that the notice was defamatory. The hearing was again adjourned.

Colonel James Cookson, brother of Mr. Ernest Cookson, continued his evidence.

Cross-examined by Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C. (for the Pony Turf Club), Colonel Cookson stated that outside the Court the previous day he went up to Mr. Slowe, who had been identified by his brother as a hairdresser's assistant to whom he had given a bad cheque for £2, and called him "a little cad."

Mr. Justice Horridge: You did that in the precincts of this Court—Yes, my lord. I am sorry.

Don't you know that to go and attack a witness in the precincts of the Court is gross contempt?—I did not know.

"Paltry" Cheque.

"Do you know now sir?" demanded Mr. Justice Horridge sternly.

Colonel Cookson: You have told me so, and I accept it that it is so.

Colonel Cookson explained that he acted as he did because he was annoyed at the cross-examination of his brother about the "paltry" cheque for two pounds, "especially having regard to the fact that a clergyman, who had since died, had paid the money."

Sir Patrick: Does it occur to you that if there was a cad in this transaction it was your brother?—Unintentionally so.

Were you upset about the evidence?—Yes, I disliked it immensely, and thought it extremely cruel.

Colonel Cookson, in further reply to Sir Patrick, said that at the stewards' inquiry Major Alexander was talking incessantly, and completely "ran the show."

Sir Patrick: If Lord Harewood says that Major Alexander did not take any part in the decision or vote at that inquiry, would you regret that your brother's counsel, in opening this case, made the charge that Major Alexander was accuser, prosecutor and judge?—If Lord Harewood says that—yes, certainly I should express regret.

Stewards' Duty.

Sir Patrick, opening the defence, said that the stewards of the Pony Turf Club were gentlemen who, for no other reason than that they thought it necessary that if racing were to continue it must continue honestly, gave a great deal of their time to the affairs of the Turf without any advantage to themselves.

"Not one of those gentlemen," said Sir Patrick, "ever hoped or ever wanted to get one farthing for the services he is rendering to the racing community by endeavouring to keep racing clean."

He submitted that under the Pony Turf Club rules, the stewards were quite entitled to warn off a person who, in their judgment, deserved such treatment without giving any reason, as long of course, as they acted honestly.

Stakes Liability.

Lord Harewood then gave evidence. He said he had heard something about the Cookson affair before the stewards' inquiry on May 4. He presided at the inquiry.

Sir Patrick: In your own view was the non-payment of stakes a serious matter?—A very serious matter.

If no stakeholder is appointed with the approval of the Pony Club, in your view who is the person liable for the stakes?—The clerk of the course.

After Colonel Cookson had left the meeting, continued Lord Harewood, the stewards considered the matter. Major Alexander did not take any part in the deliberations of the stewards, whose decision that Mr. Cookson should be "warned off" was unanimous.

Sir Patrick: In coming to that conclusion had you any personal feeling against Mr. Cookson?—None whatever.

Had you any other motive except that of doing what you believed to be your duty as a steward?—None.

What in your experience is the implication contained in a notice that a person is "warned off"?—That this person is not to be allowed to have about the racecourse.

RADIO**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.**

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7-7.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy. Hit the Deck—Selection (Youmans), London Hippodrome Orchestra (19284).

The Desert Song—Selection (Romberg). Debroy Somers' Band (9260).

Song of the Sea—Lovely Ladies (Wimperis & Kumpke). Stanley Holloway & Claude Hulbert & Chorus (9542).

The Windmill Man—Selection, Court Symphony Orchestra (9526).

7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio—Lecture by Father T. Cooney, S.J., on "Electricity."

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8-8.27 p.m.—Octets.—The Bohemian Girl—Then You'll Remember Me (Baltic arr. Sear). Martinus—Scene From Are Brightest (Wallace arr. Sear).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9107).

Mignon—Polonaise (Thomas arr. Robertson). Mignon—Introduction at Romance (Thomas arr. Robertson).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9507).

Classical—Selection (arr. Ewing). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9440).

8.27-9 p.m.—Orchestral. Gaiety Echoes (Carrill & Monckton). Herman Finck and His Orchestra (9718).

Capriccio Espagnole (Rimsky & Korsakov). Sir Hamilton Harty Conducting the Halle Orchestra (9718).

Echoes of the Valley (Gemin). Sir Dan Godfrey Conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (9821).

9-10.30 p.m.—From the Studio—European Studio Concert.

Songs by Miss Maria Gomes (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble. (a) The Cuckoo (Lisa Lehmann). (b) A Fairy Went A-Marketing (Goodhart).

Piano Solos by Miss Luba Pecker—Selected.

Songs by Miss Angeles Silos accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker. (a) Cavalleria Rusticana—Romanza (Mascagni). (b) Si tu me Amaras—Melodia (L. Denza).

Songs by Mr. G. D'Aquino (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble. (a) The Cuckoo (Lisa Lehmann). (b) Because (Guy d'Hardelot).

Songs by Miss Maria Gomes (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble. (a) Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak). (b) A Cuckoo—Robe (Negro Spiritual) (Burleigh).

Pianoforte Solos by Miss Luba Pecker—Selected.

Songs by Miss Angeles Silos accompanied by Miss Luba Pecker. (a) Il Libro Santo—Melodia (Cire Pissuti). (b) And Yet (Jane Hathaway).

Songs by Mr. G. D'Aquino (Tenor) accompanied by Mr. George Grimble. (a) Mighty Lak a Rose (Nevin). (b) My Dreams (Tosti).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

NIAGARA THRILLS.

Riverman's Trip in a Barrel.

Niagara Falls, May 31.

The treacherous whirlpool of the Niagara Falls held the veteran riverman, Hill, in its deadly grasp for nearly three hours in the afternoon while he was attempting his third trip through the rapids and the whirlpool of the Lower Niagara river.

Thousands of spectators thronged the banks breathless with suspense. Hill, whose barrel was awash inside owing to its having sprung a leak, was swirled round and round in the great vortex of water. Once or twice when he felt himself to be in calm water Hill opened the manhole and shouted for help. Finally the barrel was washed within fifty feet of the shore. Thereupon Hill's seventeen-year-old son with a rope tied round his waist plunged into the water and towed the barrel ashore.

Steele Helmets.

Possible Leadership of Ex-Crown Prince.

Berlin, June 2.

Referring to the Daily Telegraph's alarmist despatch indicating the likelihood of the former Crown Prince—after the remarkable ovations given him by the Steel Helmet assembly in Breslau—becoming the Right Parties' candidate at next year's German Presidential Elections, the Berliner Tageblatt in a leader points out that, imposing though 150,000 "Steel Helmets" are, they do not constitute the German electorate, and that for success in such an election one needs millions of votes, which are probably not secured.

That this year's election will not have about the same character as the last year's is a certainty.

**EASTERN SPLENDOUR
IN THE LORDS.**

African Chiefs Prayer
for the King.

REMOVE ALL EVIL.

Startling bright colours splashed the King's Robing Room in the House of Lords when native leaders gave evidence before the joint parliamentary committee considering the question of closer union in East Africa.

The chiefs swept into the room attired in purple, and fine linen—and heavy, thick boots. One wore a gown of lurid blue, with large collar and cuffs of gold braid over a garment of pale pink.

On his head rested a turban of orange and white, with red and green trimmings, and round his neck was a chain of gold.

Lounge Suits.

Arabs present wore lounge suits, except for one who had on flannels and a blue blazer. Each wore a fez.

Several of the Africans appeared to be feeling the cold and wore mufflers.

Chief Klu, of Tanganyika, who spoke no English, said to the committee through an interpreter:—

"I wish to express thanks for the honour that has been done me in being called to London by order of the Sovereign, King George."

"No one from the people of Tanganyika has ever before been called to London. I trust Almighty God will watch over His Majesty King George and remove all evil from him."

He said that the people of Tanganyika, although obedient servants of the King, were opposed to closer union of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. They were afraid of the strong influence which the settlers had in the Legislative Council of Kenya Colony.

Chief's Reply.

"Kenya natives," he added, "are registered and issued with cards on which they are forced to have their prints impressed, like criminals, and have to carry them wherever they roam. We consider this system inconsistent with the liberty of a native."

Mr. C. Roden Buxton, M.P., told Chief Klu that he had been informed that there was forced labour in Tanganyika—that men were compelled to work without being paid for it.

The chief's reply, interpreted, was: "The man who told you that told you a lie and has no shame."



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HAKODATE MARU	Saturday, 27th June.
TANGO MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
GINYO MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TATSUNO MARU	Monday, 13th July.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Samsul, Constantinople, Genoa.	
DURBAN MARU	Sunday, 19th July.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MORIOKA MARU	Monday, 29th June.
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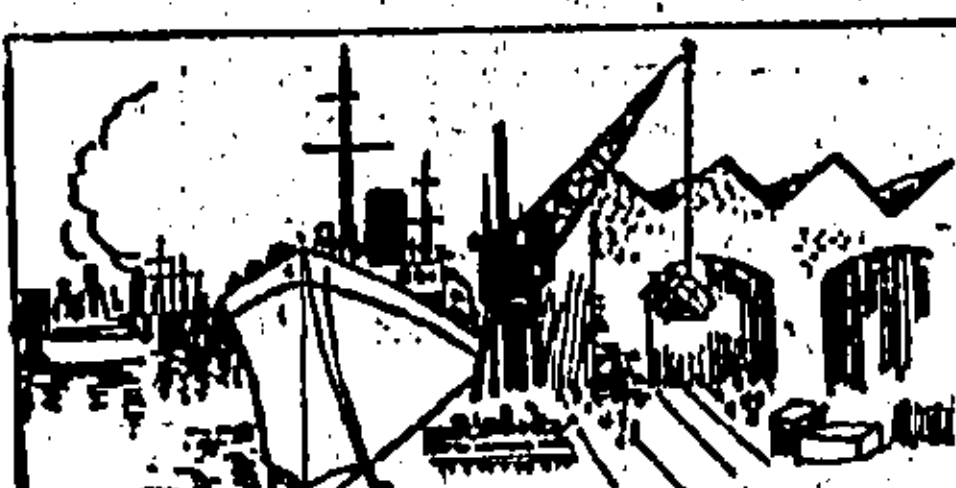
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Shipping Intelligence

LIFE-SAVING DRILL.

The Indifference of Passengers.

On Sunday, November 16, at 11 a.m., boat drill was held, at which the passengers were expected to attend, but very few did so. Proper notification had been given that the drill would be called on that day, but apparently the passengers were disinclined to leave their boudoirs, which was being served in the lounges when the bugle sounded for the drill.

The foregoing excerpt is taken from the Official Report of the Board of Trade Inquiry held into the loss of the motor liner Highland Hope, and it opens up a grave question which has so frequently exercised the minds of masters and officers of passenger ships. The subject is, by no means a new one, says the Nautical Magazine. Long before the loss of the Highland Hope, attention to the gravity of the situation appeared in these pages, and from what transpired at the recent investigation into the loss of this passenger vessel it would seem that the time has arrived when more stringent measures must be enforced to make life-saving exercise compulsory.

Both the Board of Trade and shipowners do their utmost to furnish ships with efficient life-saving equipment, but the human element must contribute its share in promoting efficiency and in knowing how to use it to the best advantage in time of peril. Boats will not lower or all themselves, and without proper organisation their value as a means of escape from a doomed ship becomes considerably reduced.

The failure of passengers to make themselves acquainted with life-saving equipment is almost criminal, for not only do they jeopardise the safety of their own lives in time of disaster but those of others. The regular passenger realises the danger of neglect, but the casual traveller is entirely bereft of sea-sense.

"Did the catering department not know that boat drill was being held on the vessel at 11 a.m." To this, the reply was given that notices were posted in all the cabins and crew spaces. Another question was: Why were refreshments being served at this particular time? "Only 30 passengers took the trouble to attend drill," Captain Jones stated. "It is not easy to get passengers to attend boat drills," he said; "they were all too busy with their whiskies and sodas."

There is only one remedy—compulsion. It should be a condition of granting a ticket to a passenger that both fire and boat drills have to be attended when ordered by the master. A case came to our notice about a year ago where a fire broke out just as dinner was being served. The head steward ordered his men not to bother with the hoses, and discouraged others by his remarks from attending fire and boat stations. But at this time the stewards "carried on" however, "as they had to obey alarm signals," they said.

The difficulties of masters and officers are increased when there is no spirit of co-operation between departments. "Whatever you do," they are told, "humour your passengers and be careful not to give offence." So long as everything goes all right in the catering department, little else seems to matter. It would appear that so long as boat drill does not interfere with culinary arrangements, or bar receipts, all's well, otherwise an atmosphere of disfavour is soon created. It is the wise shipmaster who calls for life-saving exercise when it is the least expected. It is only at such times that a practical test of efficiency can be determined. The combatant services realise this, and for that reason the practice is followed.

In a recent fire at a large school every life and much valuable property were saved through fire drill efficiency. The pupils knew exactly what was expected of them in a time of emergency. How different in ship disasters! Instances have been recorded where passengers have been unable to find their way to the boat deck, let alone the boats. Many have been found jammed in companionways in their vain efforts to escape.

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In these days of numerous ships, the position is entirely different to that of the vessels of last century; so many people are employed in decks far below the boat deck, that time must necessarily elapse before they reach it. The responsibility of the executive officers of a liner, carrying crowds of passengers, is enormous, but seldom do the public realise it until the ship's moment arrives.

WATER LEVELS.

DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	June 20	21
West River at Shihing	15.0	14.8
North River at Samshui	10.0	9.4
North River at Tsingyuan	—	8.7
East River at Sheklung	4.1	—

The highest levels recorded are:—Shihing, 41 feet; Tsingyuan, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.6 feet. The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, June 22.	
Meriones, British str., 4,808 tons, Captain T. W. Hanney, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—B. & S.	
Yatahing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.	
Tuesday, June 23.	
Chenonceaux, French str., 3,839 tons, Captain Durieux, from Yokohama, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.	
Cornwall, Norwegian str., 2,747 tons, Captain Carlsson, from Shanghai buoy No. A15.—Thoresen & Co.	
Cremer, Dutch str., 2,784 tons, Captain G. J. Harmsen, from Singapore, buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.	
D'Artagnan, French str., 9,608 tons, Capt. Malanzena, from Marseilles and Saigon, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.	
Kentucky, American str., 3,343 tons, Capt. O. Syehang, from Kobe, Stonecutters' Anchorage.—States S.S. Co.	
Kittawa, British str., 708 tons, Captain J. Crosthwaite, from Canton, Yumati Anchorage.—Williamson & Co.	
Nansenville, Norwegian str., 3,529 tons, Capt. Wergeland, from Manila, buoy No. A7.—Thoresen & Co.	
Produce, Norwegian str., 743 tons, Capt. C. W. Engebretsen, from Keelung, buoy No. C47.—K. Larsen & Co.	
Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Urayama, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.	
Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Canton, buoy No. A9.—Sing Kee.	
Tensan Maru, Japanese str., 1,588 tons, Capt. Yoshida, from Newchwang, buoy No. B24.—D.K.K.	

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BRITISH COASTAL SHIPPING.

Increased Continental Competition.

The fact that half our coastal shipping is carried on by foreign ships, and that the foreign owner is cutting more and more seriously into this trade, were points raised by a British coastal shipowner in the course of an interview. "The plight of British coastal shipping is a matter that should be taken up in Parliament," he said. "So far the Parliamentary Committee of the Chamber of Shipping appears to be unable to help us."

"Our coastal shipping requires legislation that will secure fair play for British vessels in foreign waters. The foreigner should be prohibited from coasting in our waters, port to port, just as we are prohibited from trading between his ports, and he should be subject to compulsory pilotage, as we are in his waters. Then the situation might be alleviated, and British coastal shipping would revive."

Dutch Competition. "Take some cases in point. British owners were recently asked for a quotation in the case of a lump sum charge on a machinery cargo, on a 200-ton vessel, from an East Anglian port to a port in the Firth of Forth. The quotation averaged £90. But a Dutch company got the order at £30."

"The foreigner can trade between London and the Continent at rates that entirely cut us out. After a few weeks' trading he is exempt from compulsory pilotage. But the Briton has to pay pilotage in foreign ports, and he is debarred from any port-to-port trading in foreign countries. The pilotage rates in Continental ports are extortionate. A British 200-tonner that goes to Antwerp pays £9 in dues, but a Dutch or Belgian ship, that comes up the Thames, and just the same tonnage, pays under £3 in dues."

"Dutch, Belgian and German ships are taking away our own coastal trade, and the whole situation is a scandal. "We have to pay at least £30 a week in wages for our small coasters, but the foreigner runs his ship with his wife and family, and escapes all Board of Trade rules. His crew discharges and loads the cargo. Our trade unions will not permit British owners to do this. We have a load line to adhere to, but the foreigner appears to do what he likes with his load line."

"British charterers take on these foreign vessels at rates which would never pay any British ship, and for every foreign ship they charter one British ship is thrown out of work, and the crew goes on the dole."

No Subsidy Needed. "British owners are not asking for any subsidy. They only want fair competition. Foreign governments help the small owner with insurance rates that cannot be obtained on this side of Europe. On the top of this, we have to pay income-tax and all sorts of other charges."

"Our china clay trade has passed to foreign vessels. Once this was a flourishing service between Cornwall and the Thames and Continent, and rates 12 months ago were fairly remunerative. Now they are cut to half, and foreign vessels cut the rates by at least half-a-crown a ton, and the crew does its own trimming."

The whole situation is one of gross injustice to the British coastal trade. But where can we look for help?"

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Odin—In dock. Olympus—Kowloon dock. Otus—In dock. Parthian—Kowloon dock. Sandwich—North wall. Seamus—No. 3 buoy. Sirdar—No. 8 buoy. Somme—North arm. Tamar—Basin. Thracian—North arm. Foreign. Argus—French gunboat. Marne—French gunboat. Saga—Japanese gunboat.

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London Parcels (London, May 21) and Straits	Antenor
Japan	Montevideo Maru
FRIDAY, JUNE 26.	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, June 8)	Kashima Maru
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, June 6)	Hakodate Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., June 3)	Empress of Russia
Japan	Atsuta Maru
SATURDAY, JUNE 27.	
Amoy	Talma
Java	Tjimanock
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, May 28)	Suwa Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, May 29)	Pres. Van Buren
Manila	President Lincoln
SUNDAY, JUNE 28.	
Calcutta and Straits	Sui Sang
MONDAY, JUNE 29.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, June 5)	President Jackson

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.	
Amoy	Tsinan 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kochow 4 p.m.
Saigon	Hellikon 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Philoctetes
	Registration June 24, 5 p.m.
	Letters 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, JUNE 25.	
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Rabaul	Bremarhaven 10.30 a.m.
Mauritius via Saigon & Singapore	Cape St. Francis 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yuen Sang
	Parcels June 25, Noon.
	Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 8 p.m.
Amoy	Tjinegara 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JUNE 26.	
Saigon, *Straits, *Ceylon, South Africa and *South American Ports	Montevideo Maru 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and *Fochow	Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Fochow	Huichow 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru (Due Marseilles, July 27.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration June 26, 4.30 p.m.	Registration June 27, 8.45 a.m.
Letters June 27, 9 a.m.	Letters 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Atsuta Maru (Due Thursday Island, July 9.)
	Registration June 26, 5 p.m.
	Letters June 27, 9 a.m.
	Empress of Russia 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 27.	
Japan and *Victoria, B.C.	Tsion 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., July 21.)
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Lincoln (Due Victoria, B.C., July 14.)
	*Europe via Siberia
	Parcels June 27, 3 p.m.
	Registration 4.15 p.m.
	Letters 5 p.m.
	Yingchow 3.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 28.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Suwa Maru 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
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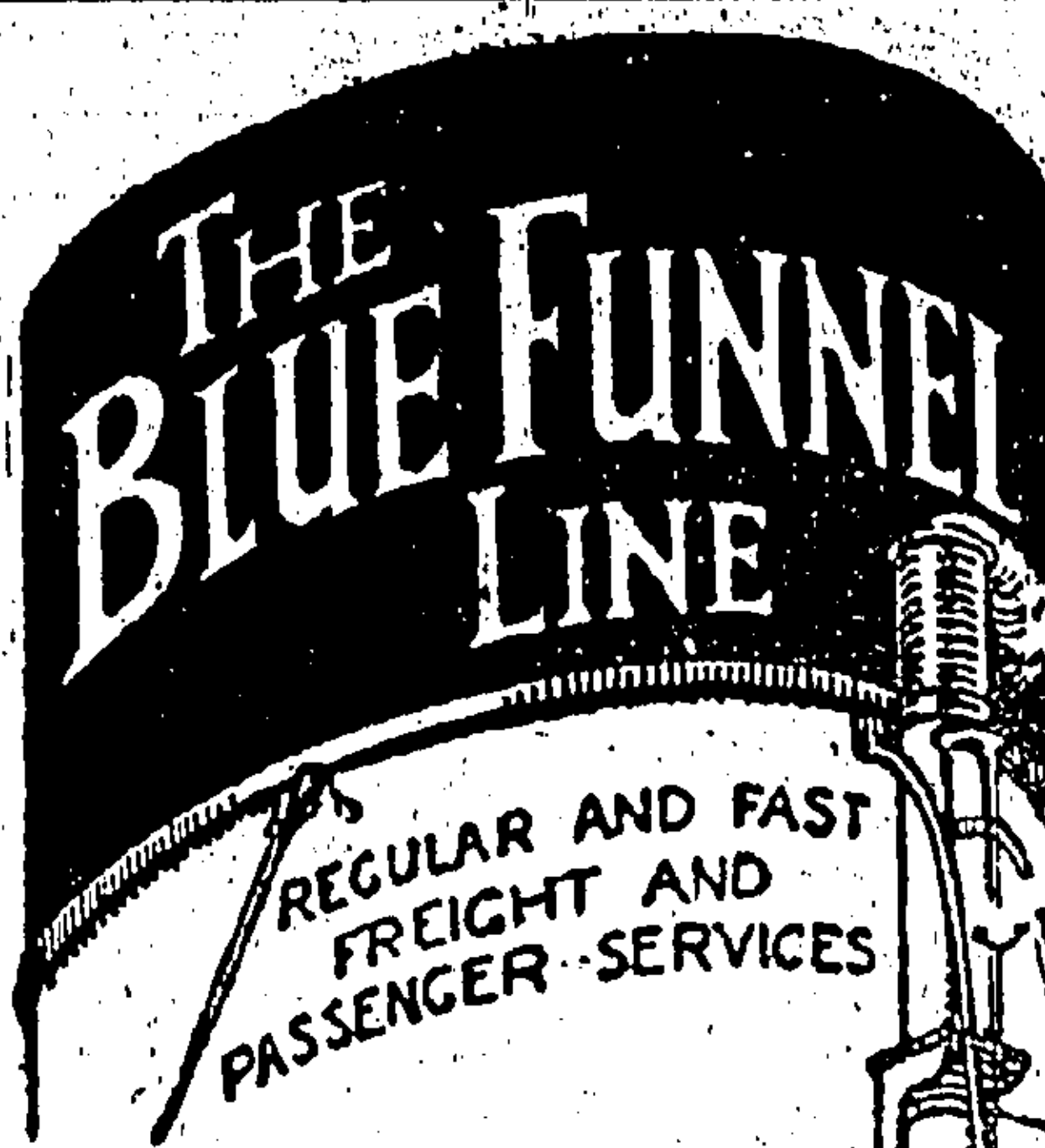
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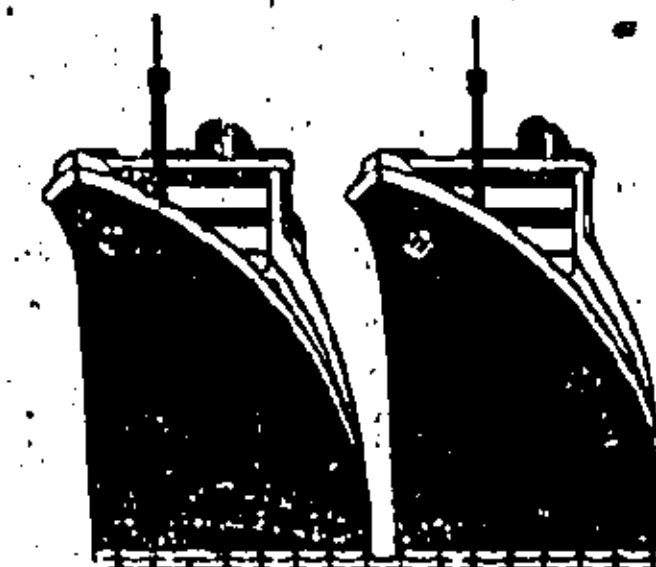
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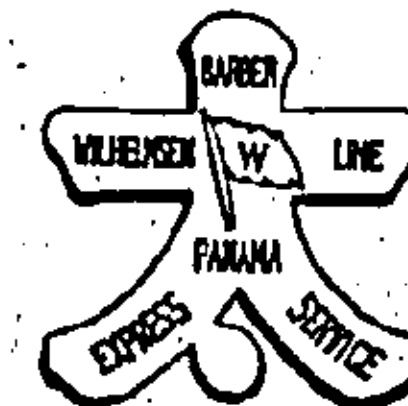


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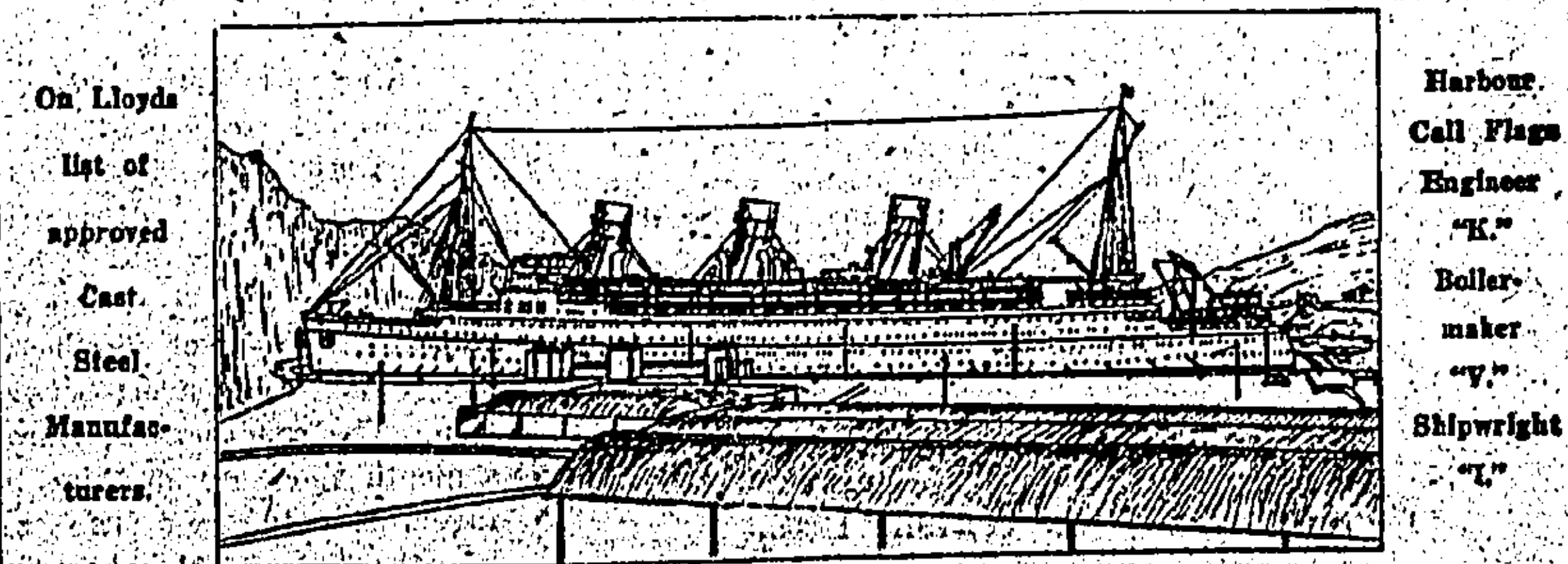
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From Two Angles.

A forecast of the French reply to President Hoover's proposals states that it is believed that France will insist that Germany will continue to pay the unconditional annuities under the Young Plan. France, however, is prepared to hand over these annuities to the Bank of International Settlements which may make loans with them to those Central European countries that are the most severely hit by the present crisis and to make up the deficit in the French Budget caused by handing over the annuities. If this offer be accepted the French Government may be obliged to postpone its plan of national reconstruction. It was pointed out earlier in the week that the French hold scant sympathy for Germany, who is blamed for her own economic plight.

Writing as recently as May 18 the German ex-Chancellor, Dr. Franz Luther, President of the Reichsbank, stated that the great obstacle in the way of a free development of the economic and technical powers of production was the age-old distrust between men. The conditions in Europe a month ago were anything but favourable to new life and growth; they could only result in Europe's exhaustion and collapse in spite of all the talk of "creating a new world." He complained that the Reparation payments with their colossal amounts arrested in accordance with the natural laws of economic circulation, being determined less by economics than by politics. How important the part

played by these payments is may be seen from the fact that the average world yield of new gold per annum is considerably less than the Reparation payments. And this political, that is to say, from the economic standpoint, artificially circulated, amount does not flow back into international business in the form of capital, but it is stored up for the most part in the place to where it has flowed. This is, briefly, the much-discussed problem of the faulty distribution of gold.

Continuing, Dr. Luther declared: "What the leaders of mankind in whose hands the final decisions lie require is the spiritual courage to follow their own convictions and to carry out their own intentions. Many of them see clearly what the real problem is, but they are faced by the mass of their countrymen, who have not undergone the great spiritual transformation of the present generation and who oppose their wishes. To overcome this opposition is the great task of the present time. Further progress is impossible along the lines followed so far. If the world is to be saved, its leaders must be inspired by a will which does not continually shy at the political hurdles which must be cleared. Nations will only preserve their own happiness and the welfare of mankind by recognizing that the great and eternal ethical laws apply not only to individuals but also to States. The nations must, therefore, adopt the principle of service to one another."

Evidently Germany, though quite unable to give service to others, is not averse to receiving service—hence her sigh of relief over the Hoover proposals for the betterment of American and European economies.

News in Brief.

To-day is Mid-Summer Day in the Chinese Calendar.

The C.P. liner Empress of Russia sails for Manila at 8 p.m. on Friday.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 77°. The humidity was 84 at 10 a.m. and 79 at 4 p.m.

Whilst walking in Tai Mei Alley, a Sanitary Police named Au Ngau fell down and received injuries to his head. He was sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, who has already delivered two lectures on sex pathology and sex biology at the Chinese Medical Association and the University of Hong Kong, will deliver a lecture on Monday at 8.30 p.m. at the Hong Kong Club. The subject will be sex education and science.

Suffering from the effects of opium, alleged to have been self-administered, a man named Lai Pui (29), of 159, Tai Nam Street, Shamshui, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

An unknown Chinese female child was found abandoned at the rear of 569, Orient Buildings, Nathan Road, last night, and was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

Ng Tip-sam, aged 50 years, master of the Wong Han Hat factory, 129 Laichikok Road, is alleged to have committed suicide in a room in the Empress Hotel by taking an overdose of opium.

A Japanese woman, Tomofushi, living at 135 Kennessy Road, was bitten by a Chinese chow dog owned by Pon Po, of 145 Lockhart Road. The dog has been removed to Kennedy Road for observation.

Falling from a height of eight feet, a man named Leung Hoi (43), living at 45 Elgin Street, suffered concussion. He was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died at 10.45 o'clock last night.

The weekly lecture at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, will be given to-morrow (Thursday) at 8 p.m. by Mr. G. Sims, B.A., the subject being "The Aim of Education." This lecture will be open to the public.

Sze Shui, an earth cooler, living at No. 33, Ma-Tau Cheung Road, pleaded not guilty at the Kowloon Police Court this morning to the theft of a silver watch and chain the property of Cheung Cheuk of the same address. After other occupants of the same room as complainant and accused had given conflicting evidence the case was dismissed.

Pleading "guilty" at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Ko King, a shop fook, was sent to jail for six weeks for embezzling \$11.10 the property of his master. It was stated that accused was employed by Ma Wa-pan, of No. 165, Shanghai Street, and the money embezzled was the proceeds of various sales of rice between May 10 and June, which the accused had delivered.

What appears to be a revengeful act is reported to the Police by Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, who resides in Tai Po Road. Dr. Basto stated that between midnight and 7 a.m. on Monday some person entered his garage, the door of which was open, and took from his motor car a battery valued at \$85. After damaging the battery, the person placed it at the rear of the garage.

Rotarian E. G. Powell, prior to the address at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club yesterday, referred to the Flag Day to be held to-day in aid of St. John Ambulance. The result of the appeal for lady helpers, he said, had been disappointing, but some volunteers had been forthcoming. He hoped Rotarians would afford future community efforts their full and whole-hearted support.

The Postal Commissioner for Kwangtung notifies that owing to the continued fall in silver, there will be an increase of 25 per cent in postage rates for all international mail matter and parcels as from July 1. That is to say, the postage on Union letters, which is at present 20 cents, will be increased to 25 cents; registration, single, now 20 cents will be 25 cents; and with return receipt 60 cents. Full details as to these postage rates can be obtained at the nearest Post Office.

In aid of the funds to open a hospital for poor children in Kowloon the Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood are arranging a concert to be held in the Theatre Royal on Friday at 9.15 p.m. under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Sir William Peel and Lady Peel. Among the dancers will be Misses Nellie Field, B. Field, L. Tolan, B. Harde, and Mr. Grenham. The heavy contents were obviously of the house. The accused's wife, Randall, Miss M. M. Gomez, and Mrs. G. H. Anniss. Musical selections will be played by Professor F. Gonzalez, Mr. J. Braga and the Micky's Melody Makers. A physical culture display will be given by Professor A. J. Maurice, and his pupils. Booking is open at the Anderson Music Co. the prices being \$5, \$2 and \$1.

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Verdict in Arsenic Trial.

London, Yesterday.
Mrs. Sarah Ann Hean, tried at Bowditch Assizes (Crown) for the murder by arsenical poisoning of her husband, Lewis Hean, was acquitted. The jury found that the accused was not guilty of the murder.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE IN MURDER CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

In reply to the foreman of the jury, witness said that it was hardly possible to judge how long before death the wound on the head was made.

He thought it likely that the wound was made before application of the ligature, but would not assert that it was so.

Woman's Story.

Li Chuk-hing, married woman, a fellow tenant of the flat in which the murder was alleged to have taken place, stated that she now lived in Jordan Road. On the night of the murder she was staying at 7, Reclamation Street, occupying the front cubicle, which adjoins the "teng" or sitting room occupied by the accused, his father, wife, a man named Wong Pak-cheung and the deceased, who was a visitor to the Wongs and had lived there four or five days before the murder.

Witness went to sleep at between 9 and 10 p.m., on the night of March 31 and was awakened by hearing cries of "save life" coming from the "teng." She did not recognise the voice. She stood on her bed and got on to the chest of drawers and from this position looked over the partition into the "teng." She saw the accused's father and the deceased both standing on the floor about two feet from the bunk on which the deceased usually slept.

Two Assaults.

The deceased was facing his bunk and the accused's father was behind him with his arms thrown round the deceased's body. Witness also saw the accused stooping in front of the deceased searching around the latter's bunk. Presently the accused brought out a piece of rope about two feet long. Then, facing the deceased, he held the ends of the rope and making a loop, flung it over the deceased's head, the loop falling on to the shoulders.

At this point the accused's father freed his right arm and switched off the electric light. Just before this witness had noticed the other man, Wong Pak-cheung lying on the upper bunk. He was awake and was looking over the side of the bunk.

When witness saw the rope thrown over the deceased's head she called out "Don't do that!" and the reply came from the accused's father "Don't make a noise. This has nothing to do with you." She then called to the accused's wife "Get up at once and stop them," but they replied "Leave them alone!"

Saw Him Pressed Down.

As soon as the light was switched off witness left her cubicle and went to the bed space at the rear of the house, near the kitchen door. She sat there with the occupier of the space and they were subsequently joined by the woman who occupied the cubicle behind witness's. There was no light in the house, but there was a little light from outside, as it was near dawn.

From the bed in the passage, witness could look into the "teng," the door of which was open. She saw the accused and his father press the accused down on the floor. She could not see if he was on his back, face, or side, but he was lying full length on the floor with his head toward the verandah. She heard the deceased make a noise with his throat. Shortly after the accused and his father came out of the "teng," carrying between them a sack. She did not know what was in it, but the contents were obviously heavy. They took the sack out of the house. The accused's wife, Randall, Miss M. M. Gomez, and Mrs. G. H. Anniss. Musical selections will be played by Professor F. Gonzalez, Mr. J. Braga and the Micky's Melody Makers. A physical culture display will be given by Professor A. J. Maurice, and his pupils. Booking is open at the Anderson Music Co. the prices being \$5, \$2 and \$1.

Gruesome Story.

The accused and his father returned to the house about a quarter of an hour later, the father carrying the empty sack. The accused opened the door for them both when they left the house and when they came back.

On returning to the house, the accused removed all his upper clothing and then his wife went into the kitchen and got a basin of water and accused mopped up the blood from the floor of the "teng." She could see that it was blood because the light in the "teng" was switched on when the men returned. After mopping up the blood, the accused's wife took the basin back to the kitchen. All this time the accused's father sat on his bunk doing nothing. Witness was so frightened that later in the morning she removed from the house.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BATHING IN THE NUDE.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—May I for several and probably a great many give my voice in support of bathing in the nude, as fully up to date and perfectly healthy? Why should bathing in the nude be an outrage for the clean in mind and body? Those who protest against it are certainly coming under the suspicion of not having a reasonable control of themselves. Such persons are by far in the minority, and why should the healthy, self possessed big majority (according to my reckoning 99 1/2 per cent. of persons of both sexes) be compelled to submit to the idiosyncrasies of a few backwardly minded weaklings and life haters and conform to their ridiculous and overanxious self-limitation?

I would, on the contrary, much welcome the establishment of a Nude Culture Open Air Association in Hong Kong where all strong-minded and reasonably self-possessed men and women could enjoy to the full the advantages of the open air, the sun, and each other's company, as pioneers of a new, more enlightened age, free of savage fears of self and the other sex.

Such Association would have my personal active support, and I am perfectly prepared to go about the organisation of same in Hong Kong, either independently or under the auspices of the London Society for Sexual Reform, as a local Branch of this Society, "under such restrictions and safeguards against misuse of the good intention, as reasonable and demanded by the local Authorities. In Europe Naked Culture Associations are established in several advanced countries and their total membership amounts to several hundreds of thousands, members of both sexes, especially in Germany, France, and Switzerland, and nakedness in the open air is enjoyed widely in other countries, being accepted as something healthy, "sporty" and good, especially amongst the clean-minded and progressive, young and old. It increases self-respect, self-reliance, and goes a long way toward counteracting unhealthy imagination, morbidity, ignorance, and fear.

I would be glad to receive communications from all persons interested in a more natural way of living, with interest in the establishment of a Naked Culture Open Air Association in Hong Kong, and to enter into discussion on the subject, either privately or in the columns of your valued paper.

Yours, etc.,

NEW AGE SUPPORTER.

Hong Kong, June 24.

THOSE CONFIDENCE TRICKSTERS.

Keeping Them Out of Britain.

SCOTLAND YARD ACTIVE.

Special steps are being taken by Scotland Yard detectives to protect people going to London for the reason from the activities of confidence tricksters.

As a result of close co-operation between police on the Continent and Scotland Yard, a complete list has been compiled of known confidence tricksters who tour Europe in the hope of finding victims during the Summer months.

In many cases the photographs of known tricksters are included in this list.

A special squad of detectives has been appointed to keep watch on the activities of these men.

Detectives stationed at the ports have been supplied with a similar "black list," and have been given strict orders to prevent foreign tricksters from landing.

Many known confidence men are in Paris just now. They usually go to Britain at the beginning of June in order to fleece rich visitors.

Several confidence men who are British subjects, and who usually live in London, have received a polite warning from the authorities that their presence in London is not required.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of June 24, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2 7/8.

This morning, Mr. W. Pryde, of the P.W.D., charged a contractor before Magistrate Linsell, having failed to adhere to the plans in connection with certain construction work at No. 371, Wing Lok Street. Mr. Pryde said the defendant did not build the kitchen wall in the ground floor, in accordance with the thickness specified in the plans. A fine of \$150 was imposed. The defendant was further charged with having built a hood on the roof of the house larger than the plans allowed for. For this offence he was fined \$10.

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Middlesex (10)	11	4	8	4	0	165-80
Yorkshire (8)	10	8	2	2	0	150-71
Worcestershire (10)	12	4	3	1	1	199-07
Dorsetshire (0)	11	1	1	1	8	149-10
Essex (0)	13	2	0	1	3	195-43
Leicestershire (12)	10	1	3	4	1	150-40
Gloucestershire (18)	17	2	1	4	1	165-44
Staffordshire (14)	11	4	2	1	7	115-40
Warwickshire (15)	11	4	2	1	3	160-30
Northamptonshire (17)	10	1	8	1	0	150-35
Glamorganshire (14)	10	4	0	2	3	150-33
Nottinghamshire (14)	10	4	0	2	1	160-33

The figures in brackets under the names of the counties are the number of matches played in the 1930 season. The method of scoring this year is as follows:—16 points for a win, 7½ points for a tie, 4 points for a win on the first innings and 3 points for a loss on the first innings, 4 points for a tie on the first innings and 4 points for a no result.

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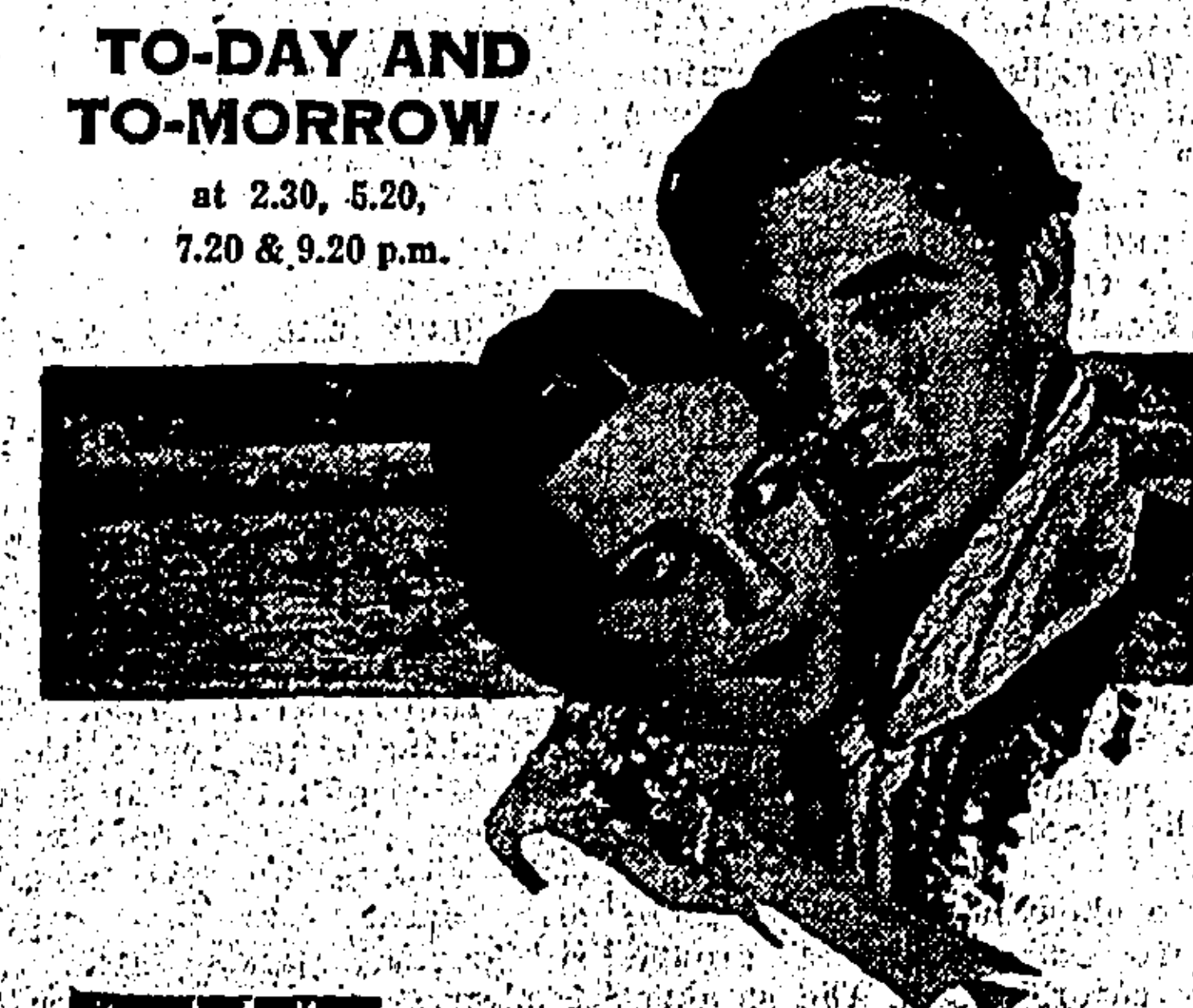
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ESSAY ON "TOM SAWYER."

GOLD MEDAL FOR FIRST.

In the King's Theatre yesterday afternoon the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so distributed the prizes won in the recent essay contest in connection with the film version of "Tom Sawyer."

Addressing the large gathering he said: "I have great pleasure in presiding here to-day over the distribution of prizes for the essay competition on 'Tom Sawyer' as a picture. Before I proceed to distribute these prizes I would like to mention that the response to our invitation to this competition from the local institutions has been very gratifying. Fifty-two essays were submitted, and the adjudicators state there was very little plagiarism, scant evidence of copying, and with few exceptions the grammar and punctuation were good, although a few lost marks owing to the lack of neatness. Four essays were ruled out as they were typewritten, which, of course, is against the usual rule for such contests."

"The essays were submitted to the respective judges without any name or address of the essayists. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the gentlemen who so kindly acted as judges of the contest. I feel sure that it will be generally agreed that opportunities such as are offered by these competitions should be taken advantage of by the young people, especially students. It encourages their talent in this direction as it not only gives them greater confidence in their own abilities but helps them also to take a wider view of matters generally. I thank you on behalf of the King's Theatre for your keen interest in the distribution of the prizes which I shall now proceed with."

Mr. T'so then distributed the awards, the successful competitors being as follow:

Marignane (near Marseilles),

June 1.
The air-mail plane making the connection between Indo-China and France, landed at Naples last evening and set out again at 5.20 this morning, arriving here at 12.08. I brought 70 kilogrammes of mail, of which 30 are for Paris, and the balance for London.

which is the next attraction at the Central Theatre, is his first starring picture.

Starting with a small part in Clara Bow's "The Flaming In," he has climbed to a well-deserved stardom with phenomenal speed, showing a wealth of comedy, dancing and acting ability in "The Dummy," "Chinatown Nights," "Close Harmony," "The Street Girl," "Hit The Deck," "Sweetie" and "Paramount on Parade."

"Social Lion" is taken from Octavus Roy Cohen's story "Marek Himself," a comedy-drama. Not a series of disconnected gags, but a genuine action-plot tale about a young man who happens to be a very funny fellow.

The polo game and the polo-playing sequences which have an important background usefulness in the picture provide a number of incidental thrills, and comedy touches with Oakie as the star of the team. In these "shots" Paramount made use of the Argentine polo-team, who offered their services for the action.

There are screen favourites such as Mary Brian and Skeets Gallagher featured.

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London, May 25.
Very little has been published in the papers about the experimental air services to Australia. Here is a question and answer on the subject which appeared in Parlia-

Colonel Howard-Bury asked the Under-Secretary of State for Air the result of the experimental airmail from Britain to Australia; whether any regular air mail is to be instituted; what was the loss, if any, on the experimental service rendered; and on what lines is it reckoned that such an air mail can become self-supporting?

Mr. Montague: As regards the first and third parts of the question, the experimental flights are not yet complete, and it would be premature at present to attempt to assess their financial result. As regards the second and last parts, as the House is already aware, proposals for a regular air mail service, which, of course, entail the payment of a subsidy, are under consideration by the Governments concerned. It can be assumed that a regular service could not be organised on a self-supporting basis for some time to come, since the postal rates entailed would be prohibitive.

National Plebiscite in Finland.

Helsingfors, June 2.
The Finnish Government announces that it will hold a national debate on alcohol prohibition in

Three stylized, high-contrast black and white portraits of women's heads and shoulders, arranged horizontally. Each woman has a different hairstyle: the left one has short, wavy hair; the middle one has short, straight hair; and the right one has short, wavy hair with bangs. The style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century graphic design.

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LOCAL CINEMAS SUMMONED.

Illegal Storage of Film
Spools Alleged.

KEPT IN DRESSING ROOM.

Summonses for the alleged storage of spools of cinematograph films in unauthorised storage rooms, taken out by Inspector E. Bloor against the Queen's Theatre, Central Theatre, and the Paramount Films of China, Inc., were mentioned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

For the prosecution, Mr. P. P. J. Wadehouse, C.I.E., D.S.P., in applying for a short adjournment, intimated that one or two points had since cropped up, and would require a little time to deal with them. He would like an opportunity to consult Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, the Public Prosecutor, on the matter. Mr. H. J. Armstrong represented the Queen's Theatre, who were summoned in respect of approximately 3,000 spools of films alleged to have been stored in the basement of the theatre, the Management not having furnished to the Hon. Inspector General of Police the address of the premises or the nature of the business carried out on June 17 last.

Mr. Wadehouse mentioned that the Central Theatre and the Paramount Films of China were alternative defendants.

The summons against them is that on June 1, they kept about 300 spools of films not being used or manipulated in a place other than an approved fire resisting store room, namely, a dressing room, on the first floor of the Central Theatre building.

The Magistrate adjourned the summonses to Thursday (July 2) at 11.15 a.m.

CORDITE FACTORY EXPLOSION.

Eleven Persons Blown
to Pieces.

NINETEEN INJURED.

London, Yesterday.

Eleven persons are missing, and almost certainly have been blown to pieces, as the result of a terrific explosion in a naval cordite factory at Holton Heath, near Wareham, in Dorset.

Work was in full swing when the roof of the nitro-glycerine department was suddenly blown off, apparently owing to the bursting of a sulphuric acid tank.

The sky was filled with acrid blood-red smoke. Work was immediately stopped, and the factory hands were recruited as stretcher bearers. Nineteen were injured, most of them not seriously.

The damage to the factory was not so great as might be expected, owing to the use of protective earthworks between the work-sheds. — Reuter.

CLEVER RUSE.

Opium Concealed in
Fireworks.

FINE OF \$750.

Another clever method of concealment of illicit opium was exposed before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when a Chinese appeared before him charged with being in possession of 28 tael of the drug. Revenue Officer Ward said that

HOME TREASURY CHANGES.

Retirement of Sir
Malcolm Ramsay.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The King has approved of the appointment of Mr. Gilbert Upcott, Deputy Controller of the Treasury, to be Controller and Auditor General in succession to Sir Malcolm Ramsay, who is retiring next September. — British Wireless Service.

CLOUDY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The depression appears to be central over the Gulf of Pechili.

Pressure is low over China and high to the east of Japan. Forecast: — S. W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.26 inch. Total since January 1—32.55 inches against an average of 35.73 inches — deficit 3.18 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Macao	77
Pratas Island	81
Manila	76
Poochow	77
Amoy	78
Chefoo	68
Shanghai	72

ROAD COMEDY.

Drivers Who Sat Facing
Each Other All Day.

London, May 25.

For seven hours a woman motorist and driver of a pony and trap sat facing each other on a little-used and narrow road at Selborne, Hampshire. There was not room for either to pass. The woman thought the man ought to give way: the pony driver thought the motorist should. They met at 11.30 a.m. and there they sat until 6.50 at night.

The parties in the comedy were Mrs. Gordon Legg, of High Wood, Selborne, and Mr. Fred Barnes, who lives near by.

News of what was occurring attracted a number of highly amused villagers. The pony was given a cloth covering to protect it from the rain, and a lunch of bread and cheese was taken to Mr. Barnes. Not to be outdone, Mrs. Legg sent for luncheon and her knitting.

Eventually the village constable arrived and settled the matter by "backing" the car into the main road. — Singapore Free Press.

CRUELTY TO PIGS.

DOORS CANNOT BE OPENED.

Stern Reprimand by
Local Magistrate.

MAY LEAD TO TRAGEDY.

Under the Factory Act, a summons for having doors fastened in a manner in which they could not be opened in cases of necessity was brought against the Ming Sing Hardware Company, Canal Road West, in the Central Court this morning, before Mr. Schofield.

Mr. F. Meade, Inspector of Factories, said that the doors in this instance were fastened inward, but even so they could not open properly owing to there being a bench fastened to the floor near the door. There were twenty women working on the first floor, and in case of a fire there would be a heavy loss of life. The staircase leading from the first floor to the street was very narrow and was made of wood.

Manslaughter.

Mr. Schofield observed that if there were a fire it would be as bad as the recent Staunton Street tragedy. If there were a fire at the premises and people were killed, the defendant would probably be in the dock on a charge of manslaughter.

His Worship—My advice to you is to get the place altered to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Factories. Sliding doors would perhaps be better. I will make the fine \$25.

BLASTING MENACE IN ABERDEEN.

Fragments Blown on to
Sampans.

SLACK PRECAUTIONS.

Acting Sub-Inspector Cunningham, in the Central Police Court this morning, summoned Lam Dore, a firm of building contractors, for not having taken necessary precautions to prevent fragments being thrown out at Aberdeen on June 14. A plea of guilty was tendered.

A.S.I. Cunningham said that Lam Dore were working on a new drainage at the Seminary under construction on an island facing Applachau. On the day in question he was walking up to the Police Station when his attention was attracted by sounds of blasting. He looked over and saw a large number of fragments being blown about and falling on the sampans. It being high tide at the time, the sampan people managed to row away, but had it been low tide they would have had no chance of escape.

His Worship imposed a fine \$50.

CHINESE FINED.

"Must Have Been in
Agony."

CHINESE FINED.

"They were going away to be slaughtered, it is true, but they must have been in agony," said Inspector Stimson in the Central Police Court this morning, when he charged Wong Cheong (29) before Mr. Schofield with cruelty to pigs in Main Street.

Inspector Stimson said that it was rather a bad case of cruelty. The pigs, which were confined in crates that had no matting, were bleeding about the feet. One pig had all its legs badly cut.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

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